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SUBJECT: Martin Luther King

I wish to refer to your letter dated 27.7.65 to Moshe and to clarify that there was absolutely no intention on our part to disqualify the Committee's sponsorship of King's visit. We objected only to all the unnecessary problematic issues that Maximo Yagobsky attributed to this matter, and especially to talk about the need to obtain an opinion from the Intelligence Division regarding the program, how to overcome negative Arab reactions, and all kinds of such vain considerations.

We told Yagobsky, and this is what we intended to explain to you, that the matter should be done in the most dignified manner possible, whatever it may be, and there is no more dignified manner than the sponsorship of the Government of Israel. The project itself can be carried out in cooperation with the Committee, while preserving all its rights.

Shlomo Argov